



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002—the period for response having been extended to March 17, 2003 by an appropriate petition and check filed herewith—please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 25-30, 34-36 and 40-42 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

31. (Amended) A sealed actuator comprising:

a motor stator including a stator magnetic pole excited by a rotation-drive coil;

a housing to which said motor stator is attached;

a motor rotor including a rotor magnetic pole disposed opposite to a surface of said stator magnetic pole through a gap;

an encoder for measuring displacement of said motor rotor; and

a hermetically sealing partition wall made of a nonmagnetic metal material and disposed at the gap between said stator magnetic pole and said rotor magnetic pole, a space where said